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Official meetings

Friday, 12 December 2008

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6038th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Cyprus

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2008/744)

Morning[1] . . . . . 6039th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2008/737)

Morning[2] . . . . . 6040th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

   Letter dated 5 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/767)

Morning[3] . . . . . 6041st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. ICTY/ICTR

   International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

(continued overleaf)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6038th meeting.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 6039th meeting.
[3] To be held following the adjournment of the 6040th meeting.

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International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 21 November 2008 from the President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/729)

Letter dated 21 November 2008 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/726)

3 p.m. . . . . 6042nd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (S/2008/760)

Afternoon[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

MINURCAT (S/2008/760)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6042nd meeting.

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m. . . . . 1654th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

4.45 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 18 December 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258), as from *today*, 12 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of Justice at the United Nations (A/63/314, A/62/782, A/62/748, A/62/748/Corr.1, A/63/211, A/63/253, A/63/283, A/C.5/62/27, A/C.5/63/9, A/62/7/Add.39 and A/63/545))	
3–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/63/282, A/63/132, A/63/298, A/62/274, A/61/861, A/61/850, A/61/732, A/61/30/Add.1, A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1, A/C.5/62/L.9, A/63/202, A/62/186, A/61/206, A/62/890, A/61/957, A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806, A/61/806/Add.1, A/63/189, A/62/185, A/61/1029, A/63/285, A/61/822, A/63/301, A/62/285, A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1, A/61/283, A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707, A/62/707/Add.1, A/63/221, A/62/7/Add.14 (Sects. III-X), A/63/526, A/63/526/Corr.1, A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2))	

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Review of the lump-sum arrangment
2. Budget outline
3. Executive session
4. Programme budget implications

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Burundi configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 12 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

There will be an informal briefing by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Police Division and Standing Police Capacity" *today*, 12 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 12 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.29, entitled "International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegations of Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Other meetings

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Friday, 12 December 2008

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa; and on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Special Court for Sierra Leone (briefing to the Group of interested States)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Eastern European States Group (meeting of election officers)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other activities

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Friday, 12 December 2008

DPI Conference on "Media and communications in peacebuilding" (organized by the Department of Public Information, in collaboration with the Peacebuilding Support Office)

From 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 3 to 4.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Simone Eymann, Peace and Security Section, DPI (tel. 1 (917) 367-2428; fax 1 (212) 963-9737; e-mail eymann@un.org).]

Lecture on "Islamic science and the European Renaissance" (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Yemen)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Yemen (tel. 1 (212) 355-1730).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 12 December 2008

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . Mr. Daniel Barenboim, United Nations Messenger of Peace (on the upcoming Human Rights Day concert (15 December), the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and his work as a Messenger of Peace)

Guests at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Serge Brammertz, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; and Mr. Hassan Jallow, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (following the debate of the Security Council on the Tribunals)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 15 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 69th plenary meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: specific meeting focused on development . . . . . [107]
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/63/L.39/Rev.1) . . . . . [114 (i)]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 23rd meeting on Monday 15, December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Third session

Sierra Leone configuration

The Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 1st meeting on Monday, 15 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Working Group on Lessons Learned

There will be a meeting (open) of the Working Group on Lessons Learned of the Peacebuilding Commission on "Comparative experiences in developing national capacities after conflict" on Monday, 15 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "Partnerships" on Monday, 15 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to be immediately followed by another informal briefing on the "African Union Peacekeeping Support Team (AUPST)".

The informal open-ended working group on enhanced rapidly deployable capacities of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting on Wednesday, 17 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on UNICEF's accountability system and on the follow-up to the evaluation of the gender policy implementation on Monday, 15 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Meeting of the States Parties
Twelfth Meeting

The Twelfth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be held on Tuesday, 16 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The purpose of this meeting is to elect 9 members of the Committee on the Rights to replace those whose terms of office are due to expire on 28 February 2009. The documents for the Meeting are CRC/SP/5* (rules of procedure), CRC/SP/39, CRC/SP/40 and CRC/SP/40/Add.1. Credentials should be submitted to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914) prior to *Tuesday, 16 December*. Pursuant to article 43 paragraph 5 of the Convention, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. In the recent past, meetings of States Parties have been substantially delayed or cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for States Parties to be present at the appointed time for the meeting.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS))

Monday, 15 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/63/L.29, entitled "International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization" (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegations of Norway and the United Republic of Tanzania)

Monday, 15 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Forthcoming other activities

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Presentation of the National Human Rights Plan by the Vice-President of the Government of Spain, on the occasion of the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (organized by the Permanent Mission of Spain)

Monday, 15 December 2008, from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Pilar Serrano, Permanent Mission of Spain (tel. 1 (212) 661-1050; e-mail pserrano@spainun.org).]

Panel discussion on "The contribution of population policy to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 15 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail zlotnik@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

Tuesday, 16 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Launch of the Global South-South Development Expo and leaders' round table

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1:
Round table on "Leveraging market solutions for human development"

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in public-private partnership for development"

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in disaster-risk reduction and climate change"

Thursday, 18 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in poverty alleviation"

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7:
Round table on "Increasing effectiveness of South-South cooperation for development" — a workshop for practitioners of South-South and triangular cooperation

Friday, 19 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "The role of media in development"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Seminar on "The real estate and financial crisis: Causes, effects and impacts on development" (organized by the Economic Commission for Europe and its Real Estate Market Advisory Group)

Tuesday, 16 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[The Deputy Secretary-General will make opening remarks. All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit <www.un.org/regionalcommissions/>; or contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-2348 or 963-8088; e-mail silvern@un.org).]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Panel discussion on the occasion of International Migrants Day on the theme "The human rights of migrants: Facilitating migrants' participation in national and international affairs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, International IDEA, the Center for Migration Studies and the MacArthur Foundation)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migrantsday08.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 11 December 2008

Security Council

6037th meeting

The situation in Burundi

Fourth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (S/2008/745)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Burundi, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Charles Nqakula, Facilitator of the Burundi Peace Process and Minister of Defence of South Africa, and to H.E. Mr. Anders Lidén, Chair of the Burundi configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission and Permanent Representative of Sweden.

The Council began its consideration of the item on the agenda and heard briefings by H.E. Mr. Nqakula and H.E. Mr. Lidén.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Burundi.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

67th–68th plenary meetings

The summary of the 67th and 68th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/242).

Main Committees

Second Committee

31st meeting

Sustainable development. . . . . [49]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.27 and A/C.2/63/L.62

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.62 contained no programme budget implications.

Following a statement by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus), a statement was made by the representative of Kenya, in which he orally corrected the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Brazil.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States and Australia.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.62, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.27 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.17 and A/C.2/63/L.61

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.61 contained no programme budget implications.

Following a statement by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus), a statement was made by the representative of Portugal, in which he orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.61, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.17 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.18 and A/C.2/63/L.54

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications arising from draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.54.

Following a statement by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus), a statement was made by the representative of Germany, in which he orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution , as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.54, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.18 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item and of agenda item 49 as a whole.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) . . . . . [50]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.26 and A/C.2/63/L.64

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.64 contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus), in which he orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.64, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Globalization and interdependence . . . . . [51]

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.29 and A/C.2/63/L.66

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.66 contained no programme budget implications.

Following a statement by the Vice-Chairman (Guyana), a statement was made by the representative of the Netherlands, in which she orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.66, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.29 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.34

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, in which she orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, by a recorded vote of 115 to 1, with 49 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Canada and Australia. Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representative of France (on behalf of the European Union), Chile, Peru and Colombia.

After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

(b) International migration and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.31 and A/C.2/63/L.67

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications arising from draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.67.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union) and Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group).

A statement was also made by the Vice-Chairman (Guyana).

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.67, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.32 and A/C.2/63/L.60

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications arising from draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.60.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Guyana).

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.60, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.32 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/63/256.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item and of agenda item 51 as a whole.

Groups of countries in special situations . . . . . [52]

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.39 and A/C.2/63/L.57

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement of programme budget implications arising from draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.57.

A statement was made by the Rapporteur (Yemen), in which he orally corrected the English and Arabic texts of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), France (on behalf of the European Union), Japan and Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries).

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.57, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.39 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.40 and A/C.2/63/L.59

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.59 contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Rapporteur (Yemen).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Kazakhstan.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.59, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.40 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item and of agenda item 52 as a whole.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues . . . . . [53]

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.25 and A/C.2/63/L.58

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.58 contained no programme budget implications.

Following a statement by the Rapporteur (Yemen), a statement was made by the representative of Afghanistan, in which he orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.58, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.25 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.11 and A/C.2/63/L.56

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.56 contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Rapporteur (Yemen).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France (on behalf of the European Union) and Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.56, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.11 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item and of agenda item 53 as a whole.

Operational activities for development . . . . . [54]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.4 and A/C.2/63/L.48

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.48 contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Guyana).

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.48, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.4 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.43 and A/C.2/63/L.63

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.63 contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Guyana).

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.63, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.43 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/C.2/63/L.68

The Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the draft programme of work.

A statement was made by the representative of Afghanistan.

The Committee adopted its draft programme of work for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/C.2/63/L.68, as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Programme planning . . . . . [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Oral decision

The Committee decided that no action is required under the item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Conclusion of the main part of the work of the Second Committee for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

A statement was made by the Chairperson.

A statement was also made by the Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Guyana (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States Group).

The Committee thus completed its work for this part of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: Kazakhstan (11 December 2008)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: Kazakhstan (11 December 2008)

Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna, 8 April 1979

Accession: Samoa (11 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions is open for signature at United Nations Headquarters until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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A/63/410	Item 38 — Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/412/Add.2	Item 47 (b) — Macroeconomic policy questions: international financial system and development — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/412/Add.3	Item 47 (c) — Macroeconomic policy questions: external debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/412/Add.4	Item 47 (d) — Macroeconomic policy questions: commodities — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/414/Add.2	Item 49 (b) — Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/418/Add.2	Item 53 (b) — Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/430/Add.1	Item 64 (a) — Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation of human rights instruments — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/431	Item 97 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/582	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Associated costs related to the capital master plan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/589	Item 23 — Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) — Letter dated 3 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/590–S/2008/763	Item 109 — Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations — Letter dated 3 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.52	Item 11 — The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict — Argentina, India, Namibia, Singapore, South Africa and Turkey: draft resolution — The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.53	Item 65 (a) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution — International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development [A C E F R S]

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A/C.2/63/L.66 Item 51 (a) — Globalization and interdependence: role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Troy Torrington (Guyana), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.29 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/63/L.67 Item 51 (b) — Globalization and interdependence: international migration and development — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Troy Torrington (Guyana), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.31 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/63/L.68 Item 110 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

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Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory— Identical letters dated 5 December 2008 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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S/2008/757	Letter dated 9 December 2008 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2008/760	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad [A C E F R S]
A/63/590–S/2008/763	Letter dated 3 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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